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CONVICT LABOR

Every new state administration has handling convict labor until it gets up some reform to offer in the matter of to the question, and then it hasn't. Road work for the convicts is now being talked. This is as old as the penitentiary itself. Theoretically it's attractive. Shut down the state foundry and put the convicts to work on the public roads! That looks easy and catches the average man who has had no experience in handling 300 to 400 of the worst men in the northwest. The product of convict labor in the stove foundry may to some extent come in competition to free labor. The fact is anything the convicts may do may be considered competition to free labor. The only question entitled to consideration in that respect is "what employment can they be given, that for the time being, is in degree, less competitive with free labor than other work?" Now they are employed at making stoves and as yet there does not seem to be any great clamor by private individuals to start up stove foundries in the state. When there is it will be time enough to consider discontinuance of convict labor in that line. Then when the convict shall have quit stove making and taken up jute bags or some other industry and proven it profitable, then convict labor in that enterprise will be asked to give way for free. The stove foundry is well adapted to the convict. The shops are within the walled enclosure and there the long termers can be worked. Within the walls the most desperate characters are among the best workers. On the roads this class could not be used at all. They could not be surrounded by guards enough to hold them, as Tracy demonstrated. The short-termers, which include usually the hobo class, are as worthless out of their cells as in, and the state could expect very little from their services on public roads. Where convict labor has been and can be utilized on public roads is upon the roads connecting the state institutions at Salem and within sight of the prison. If there even should be attempt to put into operation that "reform" idea of general road working, Clatsop county had better put in application for 300 convicts and 600 guards.

Since, however, under the present policy, employment is furnished inside for most of the prisoners and they are earning from \$1000 to \$1200 a month for the state, it may be well for those responsible for their keep to let well enough alone for awhile—to "stand pat" a few years yet.

If the secret service men persist in arresting every half insane person that calls on President Roosevelt it's going to shut a good many of us out.

The Salem papers have discovered why Dr. Andrew C. Smith could not be elected to the presidency of the last

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senate. It was because of his antagonism to the little microbes in water.

Banker J. H. Albert of Salem is a dead game sport and don't care who knows it. He offers to bet the state board of health \$1000 Salem water is not as bad as the board says it is and makes the challenge through the press.

It is now said that T. A. Woods' Indian war record consisted in keeping out of the way of the Indians and that his record as a civil war veteran was too gauzy to enable him to secure a pension. Wood is down; now let's all give him a kick.

The injury to real estate resulting from the statement of the state board of health's advertising the water as filled with typhoid germs, can never be made good, say the Salem papers. If Salem has the kind of water the outside has cause to believe it has, it should be a good real estate fertilizer.

So far there have been very few smash-ups in the foot-ball field, but the season is young yet and of course the boys will do better when they get a little more training.

The proposed canal connecting Shoalwater Bay with the Columbia river, is worth the attention of Astoria. A ship canal direct to the South Bend country would open up trade relations for this city that are worthy of consideration and should receive the attention of Astoria's commercial bodies.

Governor Beckham of Kentucky, the youngest of state governors, did a very small thing the other day. Two men had bet \$100 each on the Taylor-Goebel election. The matter got into the courts and the amount of the two wagers forfeited. Governor Beckham remitted the fine of the man who bet on Goebel so that his \$100 was returned. The man who bet on Taylor is still out his \$100. The sports who believe in fair play should remember the young governor on election day.

ROOSEVELT NOT DISLIKED

Anarchists Have No Grievance Against Him.

Baltimore, Oct. 6.—A curious matrimonial complication has been finally settled by Judge Sharp granting Samuel Oren a divorce from Marie Ryppen. Last October the couple were married. As the couple approached the altar, Joseph Goldberg, formerly a suitor, slipped a coin into the girl's hand and according to old Jewish custom claimed her as wife. The incident created a sensation among the crowd in the synagogue but the rabbi concluded to marry the girl to Oren.

Next day Goldberg and the girl eloped to Boston. Oren tried to secure a warrant for the girl's arrest. Failing in this he went to Philadelphia and consulted a member of Orthodox Rabbis respecting the case. Meanwhile Goldberg and the Ryppen girl returned to Baltimore and went to live with

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sional man to the farmer, not forgetting their wives, the volume should be found in every household. There are 639 pages of good type, well illustrated by cuts appropriately distributed.

Webster's Common Sense Dictionary is an attractively bound volume of 603 pages with all the suitable cuts pertaining to such a work.

As the title indicates, it is gotten up for the purpose of showing quickly the spelling, meaning and pronunciation of the grand majority of words in the English language. In other words, it is a quick and ready reference without being half as cumbersome as the usual style of dictionary. The book was copyrighted only last year, so that its-

modern features are naturally apparent.

The Life of Pope Leo XIII, by Rev. J. J. McGovern, D. D., is an elegantly gotten up volume of over 500 pages, profusely and beautifully illustrated, dealing with the life and life-work of the late Sovereign Pontiff of the Catholic Church. The Imprimatur is by the Archbishop

James Edward Quigley of Chicago. As a historical work, which at the same time, does not partake in the slightest of the "dry dust" order this book will commend itself not only to members of the Catholic Church but to all readers as well, especially since the decease of the venerable pontiff, respected the world over, which occurred so recently.

Read what Astoria's prominent people have to say regarding these books. Observe that each is particularly qualified to speak of the subject brought to his or her notice

WHAT A CLERGYMAN THINKS.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 21, '03

I have been requested by The Astorian to write a recommendation of a work entitled "Life and Life-work of Pope Leo XIII." by J. J. McGovern, D. D. It is a pleasure to comply with this request. In this volume we find condensed in compact form, all the facts of interest in the life of the great world-figure concerning whom it treats. It is preeminently a practical biography, intended for the busy man with little time to spare; it displays an insight into the great pontiff's career which denotes "the close observer and careful student on the part of the compiler. No man, be he a Catholic or a

non-Catholic, can lay claim to a thorough knowledge of the political, social, religious history of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, who is ignorant of the life and work of Leo XIII. This volume will in a measure, furnish a key to the secret of the deceased pontiff's wonderful success and influence in the world at large. The author pays special attention to Leo's attitude towards the United States. The chapters devoted to a consideration of "Leo XIII and Education" and "Activities in Behalf of Labor" are very timely. The even, non-polemical tone of the volume recommends it alike to believer and unbeliever. The perusal of this book

must needs prove uplifting. The typographical work is well done and the illustrations are highly interesting, and considering the price for which the volume is offered it is all that could be desired. We bespeak for this work a wide circulation.
JOHN WATERS,
Pastor of St. Mary's Church.

AN EDUCATOR'S OPINION.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 21, '03
I am familiar with Webster's Common Sense Dictionary, and can say that it gives the best authority, and contains about all that the busy per-

son cares to learn when referring to a book of this kind.
H. S. LYMAN,
County Superintendent of Schools.

AS TO THE BOOK OF RECEIPTS.

Astoria, Sept. 21, '03
After an inspection of Cutler's Red Book of Priceless Recipes, I can truthfully subscribe to its excellence as a most valuable compendium of information for the household, and take pleasure in placing myself on record to that extent. I may especially recommend those portions of the book relating to the care of the health.
MRS. F. D. KUETNER.

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Goldberg's parents. Goldberg contended that the girl's marriage to Oren was null and void and that his was binding because she was forced to marry Oren by her parents.
The case was finally submitted to a council of Jewish rabbis who decided that the girl had to be divorced from both her husbands.

CURIOUS MATRIMONIAL CASE

Twice Married She Must Give Up Both Husbands.

New York, Oct. 6.—Inquiry among the few anarchists left in Paterson, N. J., since the crusade against them following the Dyers riots, failed to show that Peter Olsen Elliott, who attempted to force his way into the presence of President Roosevelt, had ever mixed with the Paterson anarchists. The incident at the White House was discussed in reports frequented by the Italians and French anarchists, but none of the men had any knowledge of Elliott. One of the leaders said:

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